Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is recognized as the leading known cause of mental retardation in the western world; and,

WHEREAS, The incidence of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is estimated at two per 1,000 live births, and considered to be one of the most frequently occurring birth defects; and,

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is not curable, but is one hundred percent preventable; and,

WHEREAS, The burden for controlling Fetal Alcohol Syndrome lies not only with the parents, but in the education of the family and community about the effects of alcohol consumption during pregnancy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 14 through 20, 1989, as

FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME WEEK

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE